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TO AMEMBASSY BRIDGETOWN

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SUBJECT:GOVERNMENT OF DOMINICA REQUEST FOR ASSISTANCE

REF: BRIDGETOWN 995

1. EMBASSY'S CURRENT SDAF AUTHORIZATION IS ONLY FOR FY 1975 APPROPRIATED FUNDS FOR USE IN BARBADOS. WE WILL ADVISE WHEN AMBASSADOR/BRIDGETOWN HAS BEEN AUTHORIZED TO USE SDAF IN GRENADA AND ASSOCIATED STATES, AS PER KLEINE MEMO, CASP AND FY 1976 CONGRESSIONAL PRESENTATION SUBMISSIONS. AVAILABILITY OF SDAF FUNDS DEPENDENT UPON CONGRESSIONAL PASSAGE OF AID LEGISLATION OR CONTINUING RESOLUTION. HOPE FUNDS WILL BE AVAILABLE EARLY IN FISCAL YEAR. IN THE MEANTIME, ALTHOUGH EMBASSY MAY WISH TO EXPLORE INFORMALLY POSSIBLE PROJECTS, YOU ARE REQUESTED NOT TO INCUR OR IMPLY COMMITMENTS FOR ANY SDAF PROJECTS

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FOR FY 1976.

2. FROM LIMITED INFO PROVIDED IN REFTEL, REQUEST FROM GOVERNMENT OF DOMINICA FOR ASSISTANCE TO GIRLS' VOCATIONAL SCHOOL APPEARS TO FALL WITHIN OVERALL GUIDLINES FOR EVENTUAL SDAF PROJECT FUNDING.

3. AID EXCESS PROPERTY MAY NOT BE USED BY PRIVATE OR
OR MILITARY SECTOR.

4. REGARDING LIST OF NON-ARMAMENT MILITARY EQUIPMENT REQUESTED BY THE GOVERNMENT OF DOMINICA, EMBASSY CORRECTLY NOTED THAT DOMINICA NOT ELIGIBLE TO PURCHASE MILITARY ITEMS UNDER FMS PROGRAM, NOR FOR MAP GRANTS OF MATERIAL, SINCE IT IS NOT AN INDEPENDENT COUNTRY. NEITHER MAP NOR FMS ELIGIBILITY COULD BE ESTABLISHED WHILE IT IS AN ASSOCIATED STATE. THE GOVERNMENT OF DOMINICA PRESUMABLY COULD, HOWEVER, MAKE MILITARY PURCHASES THROUGH THE UK, WHICH IS ELIGIBLE FOR FMS PURCHASES.

5. ALTERNATIVELY, THE GOVERNMENT OF DOMINICA MIGHT PROCEED ON ITS OWN WITH U.S. COMMERCIAL SOURCES OF SUPPLY. IN THIS CONNECTION, WE ARE UNABLE TO ADVISE WHETHER MILITARY ITEMS MENTIONED REFTEL ARE ALL AVAILABLE COMMERCIALLY WITHOUT REVIEWING MORE DETAILED LIST OF GOVERNMENT OF DOMINICA REQUIREMENTS. HOWEVER, IF GOVERNMENT OF DOMINICA WANTS TO EXPLORE COMMERCIAL POSSIBILITIES, EMBASSY WOULD PRESUMABLY OBTAIN DETAILED LIST FROM GOVERNMENT OF DOMINICA WITH FULL DESCRIPTION OF DESIRED ITEMS AND QUANTITIES INVOLVED. EMBASSY COULD THEN ASSIST GOVERNMENT OF DOMINICA THROUGH THOMAS REGISTER IN LOCATING U.S. MANUFACTURERS.

6. MOST IF NOT ALL OF ITEMS MENTIONED REFTEL ARE AVAILABLE TO UK THROUGH FMS PROCEDURES, AND SOME FMS PRICES ARE LIKELY TO BE LOWER THAN COMMERCIAL PRICES. DECISION ON COMMERCIAL VERSUS FMS PURCHASES (THROUGH UK) IS, OF COURSE, UP TO HMG AND THE GOVERNMENT OF DOMINICA. INGERSOLL

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